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Dir Sir or Madam,

Coming from the Software development industry I know the power of Microsoft and their Market Share. They totally dominate the competition regardless of the alternatives benefits of these programs clients and business are not willing to use these technologies because of blind marketing that the microsoft product will do what they need, when it doesn't. If they were as good of programmers as they where salesman I might be looking the other way. When we have a wealth of open source software and proprietary software out their and 90 percent of the consumers only know microsoft because of its msnbc affiliation and on air campaigns to deflate and demote any competition.

We can see it in every market Home Entertainment, News Media, Computer Software. If they want control of a certain market, then they can have it. Without regards to the quality of the product.

We as consumers need to have a level playing field to base or decisions on the product.

I suggest one, deny Microsoft the right into other areas like television media, gaming media, etc
Make them focus on creating a good OS and Software for that os. I liked the idea of breaking the company up into two companies that seems like it could work.

I hate and have no understanding of the idea that Microsoft would pay 1.3 or 1.8 billion to poor people in the form of computer education. Sounds like a Microsoft training camp to me. I don't want to get malicious here, but it seems like Microsoft is controlling what even the justice department is doing, and that makes me scared.

The problem with their current state is they are going above and beyond that. Using their control over the computer industry to establish control over others and you the government.

I am not scared, but I should be.

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